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Abstract.

Grow More Food - Well Subsidy Schemes - New ~~Wll~~ Well Subsidy Scheme 1948-49 - Progress report for the month ending 31-12-1948 - Reviewed.

Res.Rt.No.974.

Station:Chepauk,Madras. Dated 18th February, 1949.

From

C.A.Ramakrishnan, Esq.,I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue.

W.R.S. Sathianathan, Esq.,I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Commercial Taxes.

Read the following:--Reports from the Collectors.

Resolution:

The Board submits to the Government its reveiw on the working of the New Well Subsidy Scheme 1948-49 during December 1948.

2. The reports were received on the due date, i.e., on 10-1-1949 from the Collectors of East Godavari,Guntur,Nellore, Chingleput, Tiruchirapalli, Salem and Tirunelveli only. In spite of the issue of an advance reminder and a telegraphic reminder there was a delay ranging from 2 to 18 days in the submission of the reports by the Collectors of the remaining districts. The Collectors are requested to take suitable action against the persons responsible for any avoidable delay in the submission of the report.

3. The following table will show at a glance the number of applications received and disposed of and the progress made during and upto December 1948.

	Number of applications received during the month.	Number of applications for disposal during the month.	Number of applications sanctioned and the amount involved.			
			Application.		Amount.	
			In the month.	Upto the month.	In the month.	Upto the month.
	(1)	(2)	(3)(a)	(3)(b)	(3)(c)	(3)(d)
Wells.	8,742	70,978	3,840	20,509	21,69,155	1,16,71,231
New Tanks.	153	713	3	54	1,500	26,550
Old Tnaks.	99	815	27	108	13,300	55,495
Total.	8,994	72,506	3,870	20,671	21,83,955	1,17,53,276

	Number of applications rejected.		Number of wells for which subsides were paid.			
			Wells.		Amount.	
	In the month.	Upto the month.	In the month.	Upto the month.	In the month.	Upto the Month.
	(4)(a)	(4)(b)	(5)(a)	(5)(b)	(5)(c)	(5)(d)
Wells.	11,494	71,941	4,010	18,607	25,71,370	1,0435221
New Tanks.	16	254	3	44	1,500	21750
Old Tanks.	68	284	27	104	13,300	53645
Total.	11,578	72,479	4,040	18,755	25,86,170	1,0510616

	Number of wells completed.		Number of works in progress.	Number of wells not yet started.	Additional area brought under irrigation.	Additional quantity of food grains produced.
	In the month.	Upto the month.				
	(6)(a)	(6)(b)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Wells.	57	328	6,760	11,518	251.52	257.00
New Tanks.	-	-	36	9	-	-
Old Tanks.	-	-	93	11	-	-
Total.	57	328	6,889	11,538	251.52	257.00

Out of 72,506 applications for disposal during the month, subsidy loans were sanctioned in the entire Province only in 3,870 cases involving an amount of Rs.21,83,955. This works out only to 5%. 11,578 applications were rejected leaving a large number of applications for disposal during the succeeding month. More than 75% of the amount allotted to the districts of Madura, South Arcot, Coimbatore Krishna and Guntur and 50 to 75% of the amount allotted to the districts of Chingleput, Chittoor, Kurnool, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunelveli, Ramnad, Malabar, Vizagapatam, Salem and Cuddappah only 30 to 50% of the amount allotted to the districts of North Arcot, Bellary, Anantapur and West Godavari had been paid as subsidy loans till the end of the month under review. The progress made in the disbursement of subsidy loans in the districts of Tanjore, East Godavari and South Kanara is very poor. Only less than 20% of the amount allotted to those districts had been paid till the end of December 1948. In the case of South Kanara, there appears to be some justification for the delay in the disposal of applications as the question ~~for the delay in the~~ of relaxation of rules regarding the grant of subsidy loans for tanks was under the consideration of the Government and the Board. The Board is at a loss to understand why there should have been such a poor progress in the disposal of applications and the disbursement of subsidy loans in the other two districts although there were a large number of applications for disposal at the beginning of the month. It is obvious that Collectors are not taking a personal interest in the matter. All unaccountable delays must be visited with appropriate punishment to make officers and subordinates aware that slackness in disposal of applications and delays in making payments seriously jeopardise one of the most promising scheme for increasing the food production in the Province on a permanent scale. Collectors are reminded of their grave responsibility in this matter.

5. The Board is pleased to observe that payment has been made in all the cases where subsidies had been sanctioned in the districts of Chittoor, Madura, Bellary, Krishna and Guntur. The other Collectors are requested to pay special attention to the matter and issue instructic to the special staff that there should be no delay in the payment of subsidy loans after sanction had been accorded.

6. The Board observes that in Nellore the amount of subsidy paid upto the end of December 1948 exceeded the original allotment for the district by Rs.44,350/- . The Collector is requested to explain why the allotment was exceeded without previous sanction.

7. The attention of the Collector of South Kanara is specially invited to the fact that the disposal of applications for the construction and repair of tanks is highly disappointing. Out of 73 applications for new tanks was disposed of during the month and subsidy was sanction and paid for repairs to only one old tank. The Board due to the fact that the orders of the Government on the recommendation for the grant of certain concessions regarding the minimum extent to be irrigated by each tank were awaited. Now that the Government have passed final orders in the matter the Board hopes that better progress will be made in the disposal of applications for tanks.

(20 applications for old tanks not even a single application for new tanks

presumes that the delay is

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8.- The disbursement of subsidy loans should be stopped by 31-3-49. Collectors are requested to have a special drive for the disposal of applications and for the payment of subsidy in sanctioned cases. Out of 20,509 wells sanctioned, in the Province, only 328 wells have been completed, and work relating to only 6,760 is in progress. This startling disparity between sanctioned amount and final achievement clearly indicates that Collectors and their subordinates are bothering to get things done. Such neglect should stop at once. As the whole object of the Scheme is to increase food production by irrigation from wells, mere disbursement of subsidies is no criterion of the work of the subordinate officers, and especially of the special staff. In view of the adverse seasonal conditions in several districts, it is specially necessary to insist on the grantees to complete the wells expeditiously with the double purpose of providing employment and of improving the food situation. The Board trusts that the Collectors will bear these considerations in mind in their work relating to the Wells subsidy Scheme. The Board considers that to sanction a loan once and then to sit still is a gross neglect of duty and should be treated as such.

9. Some minor discrepancies noticed in the progress reports from the Collectors are pointed out in the appendix to these proceedings. The Collectors concerned are requested to see that the discrepancies are reconciled and correct figures are entered in their subsequent reports.

Sd.S.Krishnamurthy Rao,
For Joint Secretary. 19-2-49.

To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras with a statement.
The Collectors of all districts except Madras.
The Special Deputy Collectors for wells.
Copy to the Director of Agriculture, Madras.
Copy to the Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, Madras, with an extract of the statement for the distficts of Chittoor, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Bellary and Anantapur.

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APPENDIX.

District.	Column number.	Figures should have been furnished with reference to those furnished last month.	Figures furnished in the present month report.	Remarks.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
East Godavari.	10(c)	84	53	
	10(d)	4,00,560	39,750	
West Godavari.	2(a)	1,103	1,120	
Krishna.	2(b)	589	1,111	
	4(a)		1,933	Incorrect figur
	10(d)	1,42,750	1,42,250	
Nellore.	2(d)	9,15,000	7,15,000	
	5(d)	9,15,000	7,15,000	
Cuddappah.	4(a)	1,605	1,730	
	5(b)	517	518	
	5(d)	2,88,500	3,88,500	
Anantapur.	2(a)	1,265	1,205	
	6(b)	514	504	
South Arcot.	2(b)	5,127	4,987	
	10(d)	9,16,100	9,17,200	
Tiruchirapalli.	7(b)	1	Nil.	Omission not explained.
	10(c)	.,.57	1,150	
	10(d)	5,82,620	5,70,050	
Coimbatore.	10(c)	947	919	
Ramnad.				Number of wells sanctioned has be shown as only 1,3 but that of paid cases has been given as 1,369. The 13 wells ex- cessively paid are not explained

Sd.....
For Joint Secretary.
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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.